

HB 807 -- STATEWIDE LICENSE FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

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This bill creates a statewide license for electrical contractors, issued by the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration. Any person who is operating as an electrical contractor in a political subdivision that does not require the contractor to hold a local license is not required to possess a statewide license. However, each corporation, firm, institution, organization, company, or representative thereof who engages in electrical contracting must have at least one statewide licensed electrical contractor employed at a supervisory level. The division may cause a complaint to be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission against any person who assists or enables another person to practice or offer to practice electrical contracting where a license is required who is not himself or herself licensed to practice under the provisions of this bill or in the political subdivision where the work is being performed. Any electrical contractor who holds a license that was issued by an authority in the State of Missouri prior to January 1, 2018, and that required the passing of a written exam and completion of 12,000 hours of practical experience shall be issued a statewide license.

The bill allows a political subdivision to continue establishing their own local electrical contractor's license, but must recognize a statewide license in lieu of such local license. If a political subdivision fails to recognize a statewide license, then the licensee may file a complaint with the division. The division shall perform an investigation, and if it determines that the political subdivision failed to recognize a statewide license then the division shall notify and give the political subdivision 30 days to comply with the law. Following the 30 days, if the political subdivision still refuses to recognize the statewide license then the division shall notify the Director of the Department of Revenue who shall withhold local sales tax dollars until the political subdivision is in compliance with the law. This bill requires an applicant for statewide licensure to be at least 21 years of age, authorized to work in the United States, provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000 and post a bond with each political subdivision in which he or she will perform work, pass a standardized and nationally accredited electrical assessment examination, and complete practical hours as specified in the bill.

Any officer or agent of a corporation, partnership, or association who violates these provisions is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

This bill is similar to SB 240 (2017) and HB 2063 (2016).